

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Voigt, Registration Number 47,159 on 22 October 2008. Robert Voigt followed up the telephone interview with an email with the wording for the claims.

The Application has been amended as follows:

3. In the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for providing a referential interface to enable commercial interaction between entities in a computerized marketplace, said method comprising the steps of:

creating by a processor a profile document between a first entity and a second entity containing correspondence information for said second entity;

creating by said processor a stipulations document associated with said profile document, containing business processes to be followed in said interaction;

creating by said processor a command reference document associated with said stipulations document, referencing commands representing business logic of said second entity in support of said processes; and

integrating by said processor said second entity into said marketplace by deploying said profile document in said computerized marketplace to enable said commercial interaction between said first entity and said second entity.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. **Best U.S. reference:** Powers, US 2003/0187739 A1, teaches a network access utility for installing a portal application in a computing device of the user, for establishing a connection between the portal application and a distributor system, generating by the user a query in the portal application and

transmitting the query to the distributor system. The distributor system responding to the query by providing data from at least one source.

5. **Best Foreign reference: Powers, WO 2003/065273**, teaches a method in which a distributor system acts as an intermediary between a portal application on a user's computer and the Internet. The distributor system acts as a shield between the Internet and the user, thus protecting the privacy and identifying data of the user.

In light of applicant's arguments submitted in the appeal brief filed 8/8/2008, no prior art fully anticipate nor render the claims obvious either alone or in combination. Therefore, the combination of limitations clearly presented in the claims of this application are novel, unobvious, and allowable.

Conclusion

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled **"Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."**

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PAUL DANNEMAN whose telephone number is (571)270-1863. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 6AM-5PM Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Florian Zeender can be reached on 571-272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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